**Draft Statement**

**by Ambassador LEE Taeho of the Republic of Korea**

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Thank you, Madam President.

The Republic of Korea commends Ireland for the achievements made since its last review and its leading role in advancing human rights at the international level. In particular, we welcome Ireland’s ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the amendment to the Irish Constitution to further promote women’s right to health.

Encouraging Ireland’s ongoing efforts, we recommend the following:

1. In developing the next National Traveller and Roma Inclusion Strategy, place special emphasis on ensuring access to health care and increasing participation in higher education;
2. Continue its endeavors to achieve more gender equality, including the review of Article 41(2) of the Irish Constitution; and
3. Reinforce its policies and institutional frameworks for a higher level of protection against racism.

I thank you.

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